

DOES CALIFORNIA'S TOBACCO LICENSING LAW PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY'S CHILDREN FROM TOBACCO?

	MODEL LOCAL LICENSING POLICY	STATE LICENSING LAW
Serves as an effective deterrent of illegal sales of tobacco to children	YES	NO <i>Business & Professions (B&P) Code 22970-22990</i>
Provides funding for strict enforcement of tobacco retailer laws, particularly illegal tobacco sales to minors	YES	NO <i>B&P 22974.8 (d)</i>
Provides easily enforced & substantial financial penalties to make retailers think twice about selling tobacco to children	YES	NO <i>1st conviction = warning letter 2nd conviction within a 12-month period = \$ 500 3rd conviction within a 12-month period = \$ 1000 *3rd and 4th convictions are not likely, as the law does not fund local enforcement</i>
Automatically suspends or revokes a tobacco retailer's license if the retailer is convicted of selling tobacco to children	YES	NO <i>Has a "trigger" sales rate: Only when the state rate of illegal tobacco sales to minors exceeds 13% can an offender's license be suspended after several convictions</i>
Makes a violation of any tobacco law a violation of the license	YES	NO
Designed to stop tobacco tax evasion, smuggling and counterfeiting	NO	YES